

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA K	FORM NO. 452
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City Lexington
Address 125 Waltham Street
Historic Name J. E. Hodgeman House

Present residential
Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Year 1873
Source inscription on building

Style Mansard

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

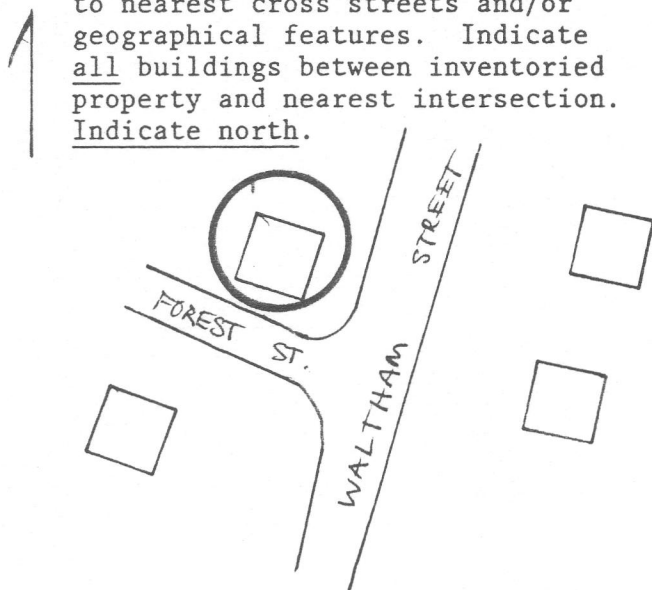
Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 5338 ft.²

Setting At the head of a side street
developed in the 1870s and 1880s; in a
small grouping of Mansard cottages.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

The most elaborate of the Mansard cottages on Forest Street, and one of the best preserved, this building displays paired brackets with drops at the eaves, bay windows, and a porch with chamfered posts and a balustrade. The interior retains dark stained woodwork and marble fireplaces with arched fire-box enframement.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

This house was built in 1873 and is one of a group of five Mansard cottages built about the same time along the north side of Forest Street between Waltham and Muzzey streets. On the 1876 map the owner is indicated as J.E. Hodgeman, the same as the owner of the older house at 8-10-12 Forest Street, suggesting that this house may have been built as a rental property. In 1889 the owner listed on the map, E. Simonds, did not live in this house, again suggesting that it was rented. By 1906 the house was owned by Lydia H. Tibbets, a widow, and boarders included her son Henry, a railroad engineer.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

1876 map

1889 map

1898 map

1906 map

1887 Directory

1906 Directory

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town
LEXINGTON

Property Address
125 WALTHAM ST
Area(s) Form No.

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

A brief mention appearing in the *Lexington Minute-Man* on March 29, 1873 confirms the construction of the house in that year and offers additional insight into the property and its original owner. It notes that there were at that writing, fourteen new houses in different stages of construction and notes "We looked over the new house being built by Mr. J.E. Hodgman on the corner of Forest and Waltham streets, a few days ago. It is pretty as well as nice. It is finished throughout with hard wood, and is fitted with all modern conveniences. Its location is quite pleasant, and fills out the corner in good shape. It is the fourth house Mr. H. has erected, two being already sold. He is to build one of more houses upon his land beyond his own residences".

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Lexington Minute-Man, March 29, 1873.

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